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H.R. 483

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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AN ACT

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit medicare select policies to be offered in all States, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. PERMITTING MEDICARE SELECT POLICIES TO**
4 **BE OFFERED IN ALL STATES FOR AN EX-**
5 **TENDED PERIOD.**

6 Section 4358(c) of the Omnibus Budget Reconcili-
7 ation Act of 1990, as amended by section 172(a) of the
8 Social Security Act Amendments of 1994, is amended to
9 read as follows:

1 “(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—(1) The amendments made
2 by this section shall only apply—

3 “(A) in 15 States (as determined by the Sec-
4 retary of Health and Human Services) and such
5 other States as elect such amendments to apply to
6 them, and

7 “(B) subject to paragraph (2), during the 8½
8 year period beginning with 1992.

9 “(2)(A) The Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
10 ices shall conduct a study that compares the health care
11 costs, quality of care, and access to services under medi-
12 care select policies with that under other medicare supple-
13 mental policies. The study shall be based on surveys of
14 appropriate age-adjusted sample populations. The study
15 shall be completed by December 31, 1998.

16 “(B) The Secretary shall determine during 1999
17 whether the amendments made by this section shall re-
18 main in effect beyond the 8½ year period described in
19 paragraph (1)(B). Such amendments shall remain in ef-
20 fect beyond such period unless the Secretary determines
21 (based on the results of the study under subparagraph
22 (A)) that—

23 “(i) such amendments have not resulted in sav-
24 ings of premiums costs to those enrolled in medicare
25 select policies (in comparison to their enrollment in

1 medicare supplemental policies that are not medicare
2 select policies and that provide comparable cov-
3 erage),

4 “(ii) there have been significant additional ex-
5 penditures under the medicare program as a result
6 of such amendments, or

7 “(iii) access to and quality of care has been sig-
8 nificantly diminished as a result of such amend-
9 ments.”.

Passed the House of Representatives April 6, 1995.

Attest:

ROBIN H. CARLE,

Clerk.